GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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MANUFACTURE OF SHIPS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) The number of shipping vessels available and the projected requirement of the country during the current year;

(b) The present capacity of manufacturing of ships every year ;

(c) Whether the Government proposes to increase the capacity of ship building with state-of-the-art technology to meet the local and foreign requirements; and

(d) If so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) : As on 31.10.2006 total vessels registered in India under the Merchant Shipping Act, 1958 are 766 with Gross Tonnage of 8.40 million. Projected requirement has not been worked out as the shipping demands are met through international tonnage.

(b) : The estimated installed capacity of Indian Shipyards is about 2.81 lakh Dead Weight Tonnage per year.

(c)&(d):In addition to modernisation of existing Public Sector Yards, Government proposes to facilitate setting up of two international size shipyards, one on the East Coast and another on the West Coast of the country.